Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) and (*b*) The matter is still under correspondence with the Government of India. No answers can be furnished at this stage.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How do you settle the question of jurisdiction when offences are committed ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Minor details.. .....The map is not fully ready.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I am asking if the limits are not marked.....

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The general boundary has been published in the Gazette.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Only the details?

FISHERIES—IMPROVEMENT OF

13. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to an article entitled "കൊച്ചിയിലെ മത്സ്യവ്യവസായം" published in "The Progress" dated 5th October 1940, (page 2, column 2) suggesting ways and means for the improvement of fisheries in Cochin State;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether Government are seriously considering the question of improvement of fisheries;

(*c*) whether any research is being conducted at the instance of the Government; if so, by whom; for what period is the present incumbent appointed?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question of improvement of fisheries in the State has already engaged the attention of Government.

(c) Yes; by Mr. E. Sankara Menon, M.Sc., Fisheries Research Officer; for a period of 1 year from 3rd Medam 1115.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know, Sir, whether Mr. E. Sankara Menon has any special qualification in pisciculture ?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Except the qualification mentioned in the answer he has no other special qualification.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* He has no special qualification in fisheries? May I know whether he has been appointed for the purpose of conducting research in fisheries ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know what was the reason why such a hand was appointed without the Government looking for a trained hand in fisheries ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* To bring an expert from outside would be more costly. We wanted a man at the minimum cost to satisfy our requirements. We were in search of such a man and an M.Sc., who has taken "fisheries" as a special subject, was appointed.

Mr. President: I think the Minister said last time that he has previous experience also.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He has also previous experience in this line of work.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether his period of work was extended on the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was on the recommendation of the Diwan Peishkar that the period was extended.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know, Sir, whether Government think it desirable to have the services of a man who has sufficient training in pisciculture for the improvement of fisheries in the State?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He has got the required qualification. He has been working in this line. In his M.Sc., examination he had worked in the Fisheries Department.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Does the Government mean that he is specially trained in Fisheries ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He has been confining himself to this Department in his M.Sc. examination.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Does the Government mean that he is specially trained in fisheries ?

Mr. President : It has been answered that he has specialised in pisciculture.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Has he specialised in pisciculture?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. I have explained this last time in the Council.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know, Sir, whether Government think it desirable to have the services of a man who has gone to Japan and studied the industry ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It may be desirable, but it is rather a more costly thing and also this is not an opportune moment to send anybody to Japan. Most probably he may not come back *(Laughter).*

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* My purpose in asking these questions is this. If the Fisheries Department is to be improved it must be improved properly. There is no good of wasting piece-meal money over persons who are not properly qualified to help the Government in this matter. That is why I ask, even at the risk of expenditure, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the feasibility of appointing a proper hand to give suggestions to the Government for improving the fisheries.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether his appointment is charged under the establishment of Fisheries Department or charged to the contingencies ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not charged to the establishment of Fisheries Department.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know what is the special reason for the Diwan Peishkar to recommend to the Government that the term of his service may be extended ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The period that was given to him was very inadequate considered with the nature of work which he had to do. There is no use of wasting money. That would have been the result if the period was restricted to three months. It must be for at least one year. Then only we could have some idea of the particular kind and nature of fishes that we would get, etc. The period was so inadequate.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Has the Government got any report of the research conducted by him ?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes. There was an interim report just before the end of the three months. That was considered and it was only after considering that that this extension was recommended.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Did the Government call for candidates before he was appointed ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That was answered already last time.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, from which University has Mr. Sankara Menon passed his M. Sc. examination ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* He has passed from Lucknow.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, whether there are any prospects of fishing in Lucknow ? *(Laughter)*

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* What do you mean by it ?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* He cannot study anything about fishing from Lucknow.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* You are quite at liberty to entertain any opinion about any University.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There are practically no facilities for studying fishing, there.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* People go to England to study Malaria. There are no malarial cases there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* To study Malaria in England will not be as practicable as to study it in Cochin *(Laughter).*

COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION IN BRITISH COCHIN

14. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government aware that compulsory primary education has been introduced in the neighbouring British Cochin Municipal area, which lies contiguous to Mattancheri ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know why it should not be extended to this State ?

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